SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, that is why I am submitting that flats are not allotted to, needy persons in Delhi. Therefore through you, I request the Central Government to cancel the allotment of the flats and allot them to needy persons in case the allottees of these flats fail to shift within two months.. (*Interruptions*).....

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV (Saharasa) : Mr. Speaker, Sir..

MR. SPEAKER : You please raise a question as has not been raised earlier.

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV : I will raise the issue that has not been raised during Zero Hour so far. Sir, I am sorry to say that our places of worship, Gurudwaras in Pakistan are being demolished and a mosque or a slaughter house is being raised in place of these shrines. Through you, I demand that the Government should look into the matter at the earliest and initiate action against demolition of Gurudwaras for the purpose of converting them into mosques. This is my submission..... (*Interruptions*).....

SHRI RABI RAY (Kendrapada) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like Shri Chidambaram Saheb to listen to me. Through you, I would like to submit that the Government of India has hit hard the Fourth Estate. Questions were raised in the House regarding prices of news-print in the last week also. Mr. Speaker, Sir, you might have read in newspapers, rather in detail, that there has been an increase of 60 per cent in the prices of newsprint recently. During the last 8-10 days it appeared as though the House, the country and the entire press were passing through a tumultous situation. All of a sudden the prices of newsprint were raised by 60 per cent. The point is that the S.T.C. handles the work of newsprint and it is under Chidambaram Saheb. That is why I. & B. Ministry of the Government of India and the Ministry under Chidambaram Saheb took up the matter with the Prime Minister during the last 8-10 years. The meeting of the Committee on Price Fixation held yesterday had declared—'It is a crisis situation'. Sir, it appears that the S.T.C. is expressing its inability to supply newsprint to those newspapers who have deposited money before July, 30. The question is that we are not getting newsprint and who knows, we may, perhaps, get a newspaper for Rs. 10 in future.....(*Interruptions*)..... That is why I am submitting that, as you know, and as everybody knows, we would not be able to read newspapers when the newsprint is not available. And the electronic media is unable to communicate news to the countrymen.... (*Interruptions*) .... The Fourth Estate is very important for the nation. In such a situation, why the Government has hit hard the print media. I am afraid that the S.T.C., which is a public undertaking is adopting a role of a hoarder. Through you, I would like to know from our learned friend, Shri Chidambaram Saheb as to how long the Government would keep mum on this issue? The newsprint industry has announced that they were going on a strike and they would not wait for the decision of the Price Fixation Committee. Therefore, through you, I would like to bring this serious matter to the attention of the Government, of the countrymen and particularly to your attention. Please issue instructions to the Government to take decision in regard to it by Monday and also ensure that newsprint industry does not go on strike.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very important issue and the newspapers are facing closure due to it.

[*English*]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATERJEE : What is the response?

SHRI E. AHMED (Manjeri) : I just want to bring to your notice one sentence. I endorse the views of